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AGENDA

**MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2005
AT 7 P.M.**

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MINUTES

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MEMBERS

PRESENT

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ABSENT

Barry Burak
Amado Leon
Ted Silver

OTHERS PRESENT

David Henderson, Staff
Jae Manzella, Staff
Terry Grant, MDT
Eric Muntan, MDT
Eric Hansen, MDP&R
Jennifer Blattman, MDP&R
Dolce R-Sirgado, MDPW
Pedro Gonzalez, Parsons Brinkerhoff
Joanna Revelo, S. Miami
Tom Burton, Everglades Club
Colin Cortez, Cyclist
Felix Perez, Cyclist
Michael Smith, Cyclist

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	- DH: Requested the inclusion of a presentation on the MIC-Earlington Hts. Connector. SB: <i>Motion to approve the revised agenda; seconded by SK; vote – unanimous.</i>
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	- ET: <i>Motion to approve Minutes of May 25, 2005; seconded by SK; vote – unanimous.</i>
MDT BIKE&RIDE UPDATE	- EM: Some previous restrictions were lifted during a year-long review of the Metrorail Bike&Ride program to determine if perceived hazards were justified. <i>MDT plans to lift the hour restrictions permanently.</i> However, <i>permits will still be required for Metrorail use</i> , both as identification and to ensure safety education for patrons. <i>Bikes will only be allowed in the last cabs of the trains.</i> This would help avoid bikes from impeding access during an emergency evacuation. The last car is less-used, due to station configurations. JM: Inquired if that would only allow 2 bikes per train. EM: No, bikes will be allowed (but not limited) to the end of the cabs. <i>Within a few years, new cab designs will facilitate hanging the bikes.</i> JM: That may be hard to do while the train is in motion. EM: <i>There will also be a marketing campaign to encourage use and educate cyclists.</i> ET: <i>Since cyclists have to use the elevators, posters could be placed inside them.</i> BB: <i>The new design should accommodate at least 10 bikes.</i>
PALMETTO BAY AREA SIDEWALKS	- ET: The list he provided represents missing links to existing bikeways and sidewalks. This list included approximate lengths and costs. He also categorized projects into “Immediate” needs (1000 ft/\$30,000), “Out Years” (12,000 ft/\$300,000), “South Dade” (10,000 ft/\$240,000), and “Coral Gables/South Miami” (3760 ft/\$96,400). This list has been forwarded to MDPW. DRS: Her office has forwarded this list to the Office of Capital Improvements. With approx. 6000 miles of roadways maintained by Miami-Dade County, this represents the potential for 12,000 of sidewalks. There are actually less, and MDPW is looking forward to obtaining a computer program to keep track of these. However, even sidewalk repairs MDPW has complaints about will require \$80 million. Sometimes, the purchase of ROW is necessary, which adds substantially to the costs. These funds can come from QNIP (which are controlled by each Commissioner), PTP (overseen by the CITT, and must be used a transit related projects), GOB (overseen by the OCI, and controlled by each Commissioner), ADA (overseen by the MDPW, and must satisfy an ADA-related need),

		as well as Gas Taxes, Road Impact Fees or other sources. Construction is usually done by outside contractors. One sidewalk contract was awarded by the PTP for \$1 million. Five contracts have been awarded using QNIP funds for a total of \$5.615 million, (with \$30.2 million in reserve for future projects. Citizens are encouraged to phone 311 or Team Metro to make requests. Future project requests are being evaluated and prioritized.
HOMESTEAD TRANSPORT- ATION PLAN	-	<p>DH: The City favors Alternative E, which diverts from Krome Av. at NW 17 St. However, there is no implementation strategy after leaving the State highway system. Krome Av. is under final design.</p> <p>ET: Routing cyclists along NW 2 Av. seems better; where a park, hospital and Middle School are located. There is very low traffic. It leads to downtown, which is only a few blocks away. Unfortunately, it is 1 block out of the study area.</p> <p>SB: Cyclists should be welcomed by shop owners. Their goal should be to bring cyclists into the downtown area, rather than diverting them away.</p> <p>DH: The FDOT concluded there was a parking space surplus downtown. This is the City's plan, but the FDOT has the ultimate decision for Krome Av.</p> <p>BB: <i>Requested to differ any decision until next month</i>, since Ted Silver (whom is very familiar with the area) is absent.</p>
TIP NON- MOTORIZED PROJECTS	-	<p>DH: This list represents most of the bicycle-related projects being done by the County and State. However, the TIP is constantly being revised. Some Miami River projects are not listed, because they are to be funded during the current year.</p>
PUBLIC WORKS UPDATES	-	<p>DRS: MDPW is determining whether to replace the Tamiami Swing Bridge. <i>The new one would have bike lanes.</i> However, they would rather keep it, since it is historic. <i>A replacement bridge over the Collins Canal at 23 St. will have bike lanes. A new bridge on SW 120 St. at 157 Av. will have bike lanes; which leads to a park. A replacement for the Old Cutler Rd. bridge at SW 168 St. will be widened to properly accommodate bicycle travel, as well as add guardrails.</i> Since the Rickenbacker project has been split from the larger resurfacing project, <i>it is going to bid within a month.</i> Funding for the project totals \$300,000. <i>Funding will be sought for the Powell bridge railings on the north side.</i> Toll rate increases may fund this project; possibly by 2006. It will cost \$1 million to properly replace the joints along Bear Cut Bridge. A traffic signal for crossing near the Rusty Pelican has been determined hazardous; motorists would not be able to stop in time. However, creating an underpass route is possible, although the height clearance is only 7'. It would require a railing as well.</p> <p>SB: An underpass is fine; but, people will still cross near the restaurant, rather than traveling to the underpass. <i>Warning signs should be erected in this area.</i></p> <p>ET: <i>Motion to recommending the creation of an underpass at the eastern end of W. Powell Bridge; seconded by LF; vote – unanimous.</i></p>
PARKS & RECREATION DEPT. UPDATES	-	<p>JB: She and other staff have met with representatives from Coral Gables, since the Old Cutler route is within their <u>Open Space Plan</u>. This area is one of their Top 10 priorities. The Biscayne Trl. projects (Black Pt. to Homestead/Bayfront Pk., and Homestead/Bayfront Pk. to SW 137 Av.) are funded through TEP, (\$425,000 each for design). <i>In July, a consultant will be selected.</i> Facilities like this cost between \$3-500,000/mile. There is \$2.2 million available for construction, including amenities. <i>The Black Creek Trl. will include a promenade and a bridge over the canal in the South Dade Govmt. Ctr. area.</i> This project is funded at \$150,000 for design in 2006-7. The Ludlam Trl. scope is being developed for the consultant. Representative Ros Lehtinen</p>

	<p>has provided some funding. ROW is planned to be purchased between SW 88 St. and Barns Pk.</p> <p>ET: Inquired if this includes a connection to the existing M-Path near Dadeland North.</p> <p>DH: That is a separate project, which is already funded.</p> <p>JB: <i>There will be a Snake Creek Trl. workshop on June 29th.</i> There is already \$1.1 million in GOB funds earmarked. The concept of an overpass is still under review. <i>The study is to be completed by September.</i></p> <p>EH: The Capital Development Projects section of their website has more information.</p> <p>LF: Inquired if the Homestead Air Reserve Pk. will have off-road courses.</p> <p>EH: The planning is done for this District park. It will be developed with \$23 million from GOB funds over the next 15 years. <i>It will have several ball fields; a large recreation center, including a fitness club, indoor courts, etc. The 212 acre park will have walking paths; but, not an off-road course. The W. Kendal District Pk. will have an off-road course, as well as a cycling track.</i></p>
HOW TO TURN SIGNALS GREEN	<p>- CS: When roads are repaved, the signal actuator area can't be found.</p> <p>DH: He has encouraged MDPW to mark these areas.</p>
MIC-EARLINGTON HTS. CONNECTOR	<p>- PG: This project will connect the existing Metrorail system to the MIC. Several different alternative alignments have been evaluated and this is the final selection. The platform has been moved further south to reduce the walking distance to the MIC-MIA connector. Access to the station is being designed through the MIC development process. Jeff Cohen was concerned that a bike connection is lacking; although Metrorail and Tri-Rail allows bikes on their trains.</p>
MISCEL-LANEOUS	<p>- ♦ BB: The gate at SW 7 St. and the M-Path is still locked occasionally during the day. TG: <i>He will ensure it is opened daily.</i></p> <p>♦ BB: Cannot attend the MPO this month, asked for a volunteer. ET: <i>Will attend as the BPAC representative.</i></p> <p>♦ DH: <i>A Livable Communities Workshop will be held on August 12th, all day.</i></p> <p>♦ TB: Inquired about the BPAC's role on N. Krome Av. accommodating bicycles. JM: A North Dade Greenways Plan was developed outlining the BPAC's objectives. However, it is up to the FDOT to carry-through.</p>

- *The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.*